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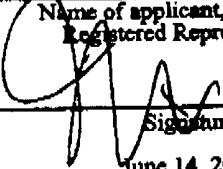
Claims 1, 2, 8 and 15 were canceled in the last amendment. Claims 9-14 have been allowed. Claims 3-7 are being canceled and new claims 16 and 17 are being added.

Claims 16 and 17 correspond to claim 15, which previously depended from claim 8. Claims 16 and 17 depend respectively from claims 9 and 13 which previously depended from claim 8.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 9-14, 16 and 17 is requested.

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